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In re application of

Stuart C. Hansen

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SPECTROMETER

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**PRELIMINARY SUBMISSION FOR REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

REMARKS

Upon entering the amendment filed 27 May 2003, claims 1-11 and 14-16 remain in the case.

Examiner has acknowledged to Applicant's patent agent, Wilfred F. DesRosiers, during an interview on 20 May 2003, that the references of record do not disclose an ion mirror integral to a flight tube as recited in the pending claims. The Examiner has also acknowledged that the claims 1-11 and 14-16 would be patentable over the art of record on the basis of this distinguishing feature. The Examiner further indicated that he could not allow the claims without an additional search. Such an additional search is hereby respectfully requested by applicant.

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